

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 434
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Virginia Harper.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Virginia Harper; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Harper was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Claudine Curry Harper was born October 24, 1930 in Perry County, Tennessee, the youngest of six children; she continued to live there, attending local schools, and graduating from Perry County High School; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 1956, Virginia was united in marriage with Joe Hansel Harper. They became the parents of two children, Valerie Harper Stroop of Nashville, and Bart Harper of Atlanta, Georgia, each of whom had children, making her the loving grandmother of 5; and

WHEREAS, Virginia and Joe later moved to Centerville and established Harper's Furniture Company. They worked together to serve the people of Hickman County and surrounding counties with good service rendered in a courteous manner; and

WHEREAS, Virginia had a great desire to make her community a better place and took pride in civic endeavors, serving unselfishly on various committees dealing with civic projects and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia had a great love and interest in the work of her church, the Centerville Church of Christ, where she held membership for years, teaching children's Bible

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School classes, and participating in various women's study courses; she was regular in attendance, assisted in the work when called upon, and supported the church financially in a willing and cheerful manner; and

WHEREAS, Virginia offered her meritorious service to various working organizations. Her love for helping young people prompted her to generously donate many years of service to the Centerville Woman's Club, which is devoted to helping potential drop-outs to stay in school by aiding with material and financial needs; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's stalwart membership played an important part in the success of the Hickman County Chapter of Associated Ladies for David Lipscomb University; she worked faithfully to help provide thousands of dollars for college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Virginia was blessed with the gifts of hospitality and generosity, and along with her husband, Joe, she opened their home to numerous church, civic, youth, and club groups; and

WHEREAS, Virginia possessed a great concern for the aged and ailing, she was a wonderful caregiver, not only to her parents and invalid brother, but in her humble, unique, quiet way, she brought sunshine to many senior citizens confined to nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Virginia was a giver, a helper, and a friend to all, and because of her many years of service to the community, her family, and many others; it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Virginia Claudine Curry Harper, remembering with admiration her exemplary character and her many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia Claudine Curry Harper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.